



Volusia Matters Newsletter

Jim Cameron Consulting LLC

December 2023



Fountainhead Campus Announces Expansion

Nov 17—Volusia Economic Q Breakfast.....

Fountainhead Developer Jayson Meyer welcomed BoldAge PACE to the 23-acre campus -- and is negotiating to bring Aza Health as well. Contingent upon City of Holly Hill approval, the expansion will include more than 36,000 sf of new construction that will make a variety of health care services available to the local community. Meyer further stated the mission of Synergy Billing is to make certain that Americans have access to quality, affordable health services. Bringing **Aza Health and BoldAge PACE** to Fountainhead is an extension of that vision.

BoldAge PACE which stands for Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, provides health support services to low-income elders. Fountainhead will be their Volusia Headquarters.

Aza Health is a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that employs 250 staff and operates primary care and dental centers as well as full-service pharmacies.

Now getting BoldAge Pace and Aza Health working together at Fountainhead it'll help provide local healthcare access to more underserved citizens.





The COST of the National Debt.....

US national debt is now \$34.7 trillion....and while Congress approved a temporary stopgap measure on Nov 16, they STILL have to reach funding agreements by a new January 19 deadline.

The cost of this debt is why the federal reserve has been increasing interest rates causing consumers to pay more for mortgages and auto loans.

In October 2021, interest paid on that debt WAS \$1 billion PER DAY.....in October 2023, interest paid on that debt IS \$2.6 billion PER DAY.

In the last year, interest paid on national debt was \$749 billion.....by the way, the current US defense budget \$782 billion.

Three largest drivers of the national debt...all mandatory costs!

- Interest 10%
- Medicare 12%
- Social Security 21%....

Congress only controls 26% the discretionary portion of the budget.

Congress must raise taxes, reduce benefits, restrain spending or a combination of all three. If not, interest rates are going to rise whereby consumers must pay more.

House Speaker Mike Johnson has proposed a commission to address national debt so let's see where that goes.....

Fed to meet Dec 12-13.....



The US Federal Reserve meets eight times a year to decide lending rates. Since March 2022, the Fed has sought to bring the inflation rate to 2%.

Their next meeting is December 12-13 and it will be closely watched. The dilemma: how to curb inflation vs the risk of slowing down economic recovery.

Inflation has been ongoing for several months, reaching 6.2% the highest level since 1990.

The Fed has several options at its December meeting. Here are some of the possible scenarios:

- Hold rates steady which would signal that the Fed is confident in its current strategy and expects inflation to moderate in coming months.
- Raise rates which would signal that the Fed is worried about inflation and wants to bring it down which would slow down the economic growth.

The Fed's decision at its December meeting will have significant implications for the US economy, the financial markets, and the global economy



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August 2023, Fitch Ratings downgraded the US long-term ratings from AAA to AA+ due to increasing government debt, and the repeated debt limit standoffs and 11th-hour resolutions.

Credit ratings are independent assessments of a government's creditworthiness AND they can attract or dissuade investors and influence the cost of borrowing.

Credit rating agencies quantify the risk of lending money to a country to create a rating. Fitch Ratings, Moody's Services, and S&P Global Ratings are the three most significant rating agencies. When assessing a government's creditworthiness, these agencies look at level of government debt, per capita income, GDP growth, stability of financial institutions, inflation, among others.



Lending money to a country comes via investors or other governments purchasing government-issued bonds. These bonds are usually low-risk investments, but some governments may more or less likely than others to be able to meet their financial commitments.

Just value is the property's market value.

Click link below..... [Volusia's Attainable Housing Dashboard](#)



Volusia County Economic Indicators 3Q (from Nov 17 Volusia Economic Update)



Unemployment

- Volusia 3.4% vs 3.1% (2022)
- Florida 3.1% vs 2.9% (2022)
- Daytona Beach 4.1% vs 3.9% (2022)
- Deland 3.9% vs 3.5% (2022)
- Deltona 3.5% vs 3.4% (2022)
- New Smyrna Beach 3.5% vs 3.1% (2022)
- Ormond Beach 3.1% vs 2.8% (2022)
- Port Orange 2.9% vs 2.7% (2022)

Employment by Major Industry 2023

- Healthcare 31,717 (up 1874)
- Leisure /Hospitality 29,647 (up 1519)
- Retail 27,841 (up 155)
- Business Professional 19,239 (up 755)
- Manufacturing 12,081 (up 835)
- Construction 12,237 (down 401)

New Commercial Construction Bldg Permits

38 permits in 3Q vs 62 permits in 2Q

New Commercial Construction Bldg Permits Value

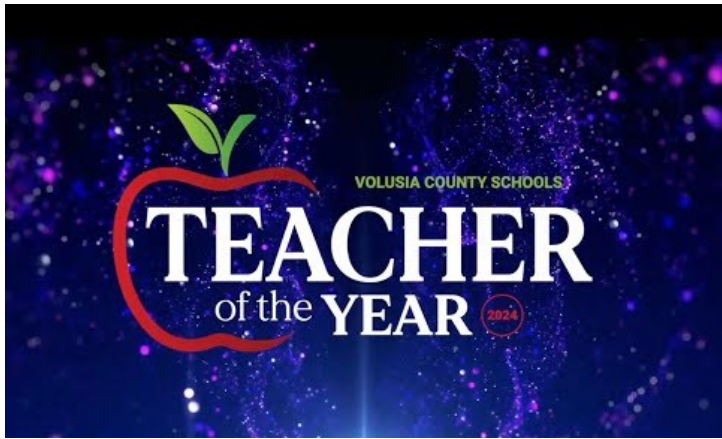
- Daytona Beach \$23.4 million
- Deland \$1.3 million
- Deltona \$1.8 million
- Edgewater \$1.8 million
- New Smyrna Beach \$25.5 million.
- Port Orange \$18.9 million
- Ormond Beach \$1.5 million

New Residential Construction Bldg Permits

Value 966 vs 958 in 2Q

New Residential Construction Bldg Permits

- Daytona Beach 256 (\$108.8 million)
- Deland 177 (\$47.9 million)
- Deltona 116 (\$46.2 million)
- New Smyrna Beach 36 (\$10 million)
- Orange City 34 (\$11.4 million)
- Ormond Beach 4 (\$2.1 million)
- Port Orange 24 (\$10.9 million)



Volusia Teacher of the Year Finalists.....

Volusia Teacher of the Year winner will be announced at a banquet on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024. Finalists include

- **Tanner Norvill, Seabreeze HS,**
- **Caryn King, Ormond MS,**
- **Emily Fagerstrom, Champion Elementary,**
- **Amy Dempsey, Deland HS,**
- **Gina, Walker, George Marks Elementary**

The winner will be nominated for the state Teacher of the Year program.



Daytona Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB)

Volusia County Bed Tax Collections decreased 5.7% county-wide this past year.... But **Day-**

tona Beach CVB Exec Lori Campbell Baker, that’s probably because 2021 and 2022 were astronomically profitable years...it’s kind of right-sizing when compared to huge figures."

Another factor was that many beachside hotels are still recouping from last year’s Hurricane Nicole which inflicted heavy damage along Volusia’s coastline.

Events, like the Daytona 500, are expected to bring a much-needed economic boost to the area. For instance, for the ninth consecutive year, the grandstands are sold out for the Daytona 500.

Upon Council approval, the **Port Orange City Council will be increasing water/sewer rates, as well as impact fees.**



Mayor Don Burnette said, :

“It will be gradually phased in over the next couple of years. The average rate increase will be \$3 to \$5 dollars a month beginning April 1.

Port Orange provides water to Daytona Beach Shores, Ponce Inlet and parts of unincorporated Volusia County....they’ll see the same increase in their rates.

Under state law, impact fees can only increase so much every five years.

The City is also planning to incrementally increase fire, transportation as well as parks and recreation impact fees over the next four years beginning March 11.

Based on recent State legislation, impact fees are limited to no more than 50% of the current fees.

Events.....

Jackie Robinson Ballpark.....



Nov 15— DB City Commission and Daytona Tortugas signed a new lease making Jackie Robinson Ballpark will be the ballclub’s home for the next 20 years.

Under the agreement, the city will spend \$17 million on upgrades to the Ballpark over the next two years.... LED lights, new team clubhouses, offices, workout, concession, and plaza areas.



Owners Bob Fregolle and others attended the meeting to thank the

City for their support.

The Daytona Tortugas are the Single-A Affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds and a member Minor League Baseball’s Florida State League. Jackie Robinson Ballpark is also host to Bethune-Cookman’s Baseball team.



City of New Smyrna Beach is working on a Washington St streetscape projecta busy thoroughfare and most direct connection between US 1 and North Causeway.

It’ll include underground power lines, new streetlights, landscaping and crosswalks, as well as upgrading water main and stormwater infrastructure.

The City Commission will address this at a future meeting.

The City Commission is also reviewing definitions/procedures that govern their 17 advisory boards and temporary task forces as well as the qualifications necessary to serve on them. These entities deal with parking, economic development, code compliance, zoning and other topics.

FDOT to Shift SunRail Costs to Local Partners

The Fla Dept of Transportation is in the process of transferring ownership of SunRail to the Central Fla Commuter Rail Commission.



With the final stop in DeLand due to open in August 2024, the 61-mile transit system will be complete. While the actual handoff date has yet to be determined, the local partners Orlando, Osceola, Orange, Seminole and Volusia want gradual conversion before they assume operational costs.

Last year’s SunRail’s costs were \$76 million, with revenues totaling \$40 million and the 5 local government partners will then assume SunRail’s deficits.

Volusia’s rep to the CFCRC, **Jeff Brower**, wants a longer phase-in before financial responsibility is assumed.

While the CFCRC oversees SunRail’s budget, ridership, and possible future expansion, the transit system Lynx will oversee the daily trains operation.

The Volusia’s financial staff, **Ryan Osskowski and Aaron Van Kleek** have been briefing Councilmembers on Sun Rail budget plans.

**Assessed value is just value
minus assessment limitations
i.e. Save Our Homes**



Delta Airlines has scheduled special event direct flights for the Daytona 500

from New York's LaGuardia Airport (LGA) and Detroit's Metro Airport (DTW) to Daytona International Airport (DBIA) Feb 16 and 19. Atlanta (ATL) is adding an extra flight on Feb 19.

For the Rolex 24, Delta is running four flights a daily Jan 23 - 26 and Jan 28 - 30.



DBIA Air Service Manager Joanne Magley, "While Delta provides special event flights from Detroit, this is the first

time it has added flights from New York City'.

American Airlines Resumes Seasonal Direct Flights to Washington DC

This Spring, American Airlines will begin twice-weekly nonstop flights from Washington (DCA) to Daytona from Feb 17 to May 5, 2024.



For more details, go to www.flyDAB.com/happy or Joanne Magley jmagley@flydab.com or 561-7185.

DBIA offers 8 daily non-stop flights to Atlanta (Delta), to Charlotte NC (American). **American** also offers non-stop seasonal flights to Philadelphia, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Washington throughout the year. **Avelo Airlines** has started service at DAB with twice-weekly flights to New Haven, CT and Wilmington, DE. Note— Avelo will temporarily suspend its nonstop [Daytona Beach-Wilmington, Delaware](#) flights for two months in early 2024.



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Gov DeSantis announced that Fla set a record for the number of visitors in this year's third quarter, with an estimated total of 35 million visitors.

Between July and Sept of which 32 million were domestic visitors, 2 million overseas visitors and 660 K were Canadian visitors.

In addition, Fla's annual visitation stands at 105 million visitors so far in 2023.



The Seminole Tribe can move forward with its plans to expand casino games and offer sports betting at its Florida facilities and online, even as a case to stop that is being heard in the Florida Supreme Court.

The Court rejected a request to block all attempts to expand gaming as provided under the 2021 Seminole Compact while the court hears the case.

The lawsuit pertains to the State's compact with the Seminole Tribe. Under the 30-year deal, the Tribe got control over sports betting and can now add craps and roulette to its casinos. In exchange, the Tribe would pay the state at least \$2.5 billion over the first five years.

The plaintiffs said the compact violated the 2018 constitutional amendment that required voter approval for any expansion of gaming in Florida, except on tribal lands.

The Tribe and the state says the compact adheres the amendment since the servers for the online sports betting system would exist on tribal land.

In the meantime, the Seminole Tribe has begun allowing online sports betting through its app for people in Florida who have accounts already and will open in-person sports gaming at its Florida casinos in December.

Taxable value is the assessed value minus exemptions and is the value the tax collector uses to calculate the taxes due.

Gov DeSantis announced two new Volusia County Court judges.....

Joseph LeDonne, Port Orange, was an Asst State Attorney for the Seventh Circuit since 2015. Before that, he was a Sr Attorney for the Fla Dept of Children/Families....bachelor's degree from ERAU ...law degree from Stetson. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of **Judge Campbell**.



Katherine Miller, Daytona Beach was an Attorney for **Wright & Casey**, as well as **Cobb & Cole**. Has a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt and law degree from Stetson. She fills the vacancy created by the resignation of **Judge Belle Schumann**.

Nov 15—Daytona Beach City Commission appointed **Michael McLean** to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee as the Planning Board's designee.



- Reappointed **Sheryl Cook and Michael Sznajstajler** to the Downtown Development Authority.
- Reappointed **Tibor Benke, Kenneth Hunt and Pete Zahn** and appointed **Javier** Benavente to Downtown Redevelopment Board.
- Appointed **Kevin Murphy** to the Nuisance Abatement Board.

THE FLORIDA SCORECARD METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

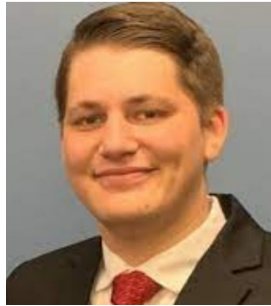
- Consumer Confidence 68%
- Right Direction 51% vs Wrong Direction 42%
- Land in Conservation 31%
- 3rd Grade Reading Scores 50%
- Kids in Poverty 18.2%
- Population 22.9 million

Two New Government Relations Directors on Board in Volusia.....



Daytona Regional Chamber has a new Director of Advocacy....it's **David Robinson**. I've met with him last week and he's already attended the recent Elected Officials Roundtable as well as other key meetings.

The Daytona Beach Area Association of Realtors have hired **Pryce Hood** as Government Affairs Director. He worked previously with the New Smyrna Beach Area Realtors.



I know both of them will do a fine job and I hope everyone get to know them in the next several months.

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Sheriff
[Mike Chitwood*](#)

Public Defender
[Matt Metz \(REP\)](#) *

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[Will Roberts*](#)

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[Jeff Brower*](#)
[Don Burnette](#)
[Randy Dye](#)

County Council District 2
[Matt Reinhart*](#)

School Board District 2
[Krista Goodrich](#)
[Angela Kopnicky](#)

School Board District 4
[Donna Brosemer](#)

Daytona Beach Commission Zone 2
[Ken Strickland*](#)

Deltona City Commission Zone 2
[Elizabeth Chavez](#)
[Emma Santiago](#)

Deltona Commission Seat 6
[Dominic Nick Lulli](#)

Edgewater Commission Dist 4
[Gary Conroy](#)

New Smyrna Beach—Mayor
[Fred Cleveland*](#)
[Louis Joseph Pate](#)

Orange City Mayor
[Kelli Marks](#)
[William O'Connor](#)

Ormond Beach Mayor
[Jason Leslie](#)
[Susan Persis](#)

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[Travis Sargeant*](#)

Ormond Commission Zone 3
[Barbara Bonarrigo](#)
[Kristen Deaton](#)

Ormond Commission Zone 4
[Harold Briley](#)

Port Orange City Council Dist 3
[Barry Pitek](#)

Fla Senate District 7
[George Anthony T Hill \(DEM\)](#)
[Gerry James \(REP\)](#)
[Tom Leek \(REP\)](#)

Fla House Dist 27
[Stephen Wayne Shives \(REP\)](#)
[Beckie Sirolli \(REP\)](#)

Fla House Dist 28
[John Navarra \(DEM\)](#)
[Bill Partington \(REP\)](#)

Fla House Dist 29
[Webster Barnaby* \(REP\)](#)

Fla House Dist 30
[Chase Tramont* \(REP\)](#)
[Smith, Kelly Anne \(DEM\)](#)

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[Cory Mills \(REP\)*](#)
[Allek Pastrana \(DEM\)](#)

Volusia County is home to over 14,000 enterprises that produce or provide a variety of goods and services. These companies transact business locally and globally, contributing annually to the \$17 billion GDP generated within Volusia County

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Port Orange Addresses Flooding Conditions

Port Orange residents in low-lying areas are still dealing with localized flooding issues after last week's heavy rain. Despite the city's efforts to minimize flooding risk, some roads were overflowed. A city spokesperson said Port Orange got over 8 inches of rainfall in the last 24 hours.

To alleviate some of the flooding, city crews cleaned storm drains and lowered wastewater levels to prevent them from overflowing.

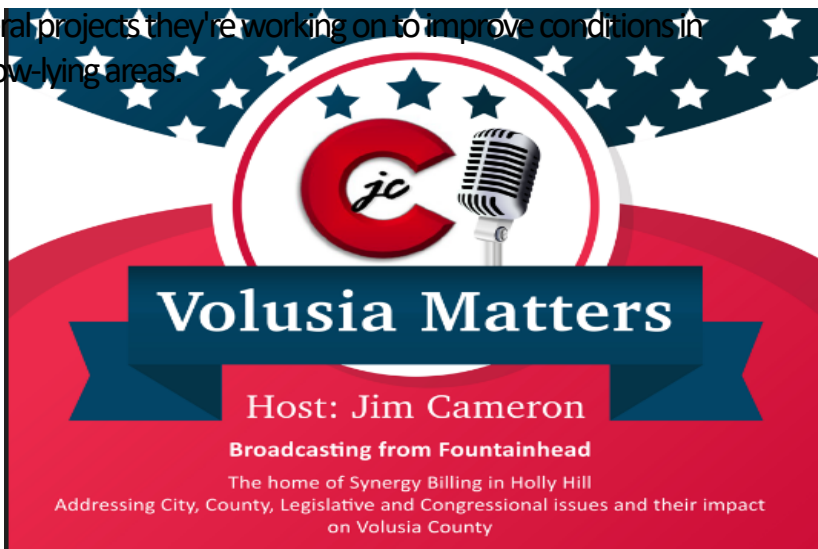
As for the long-term, the city staff is working with a consultant to assist residents in applying for a federal grant to protect their homes against future storms. They also have several projects they're working on to improve conditions in low-lying areas.



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Episode 45 includes **local/state governmental news** plus interview with **DB Police Chief Jakari Young**.

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- *The COST of the US \$33.7 Trillion National Debt*
- *Volusia Council Addresses SunRail costs*
- *Meeting Dates for your calendar*
- *City/County Updates*

Volusia County Definitions.....

Bulkhead: a structure/partition to retain/prevent sliding of the land....and to protect the upland against damage from wave action. A form of rigid armoring.

Bulkhead line: a governmentally ordered line, set in or along the Atlantic Ocean, a river, watercourse or other body of water, that establishes the minimum distance from the water any property improvements must be located. "Bulkhead line" shall include the term "seawall line."





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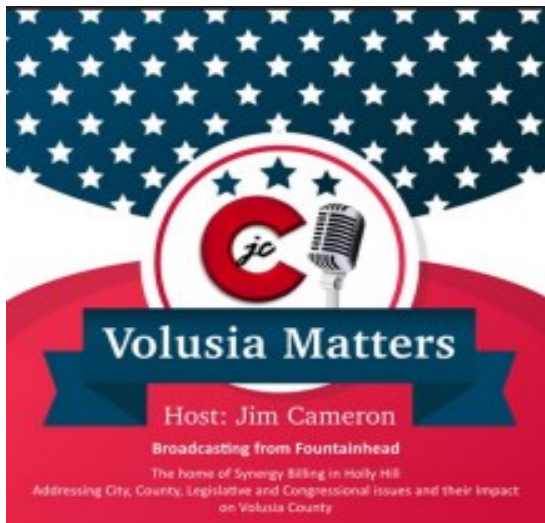
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[Volusia County Council](#) December 5 - 9 am/ 19 - 4 pm Admin Bldg

[Daytona Beach City Commission](#) December 6, 20 - 6 pm City Hall

[Ormond Beach City Commission](#) December 5, 19 - 7 pm City Hall

[Port Orange City Council](#) December 5, 19 - 6:30 City Hall

[Holly Hill City Commission](#) December 12, 6 pm City Hall

[South Daytona City Council](#) December 12 - 6 pm City Hall

[DB Shores City Commission](#) December 12 - 6 pm City Hall

[DeBary City Council](#) December 6, 20 - 6:30 pm City Hall

[Deland City Commission](#) December 4, 18 - 7 pm City Hall

[Deltona City Commission](#) December 4, 18 - 6:30 pm City Hall

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[Oak Hill City Commission](#) December 6 - 6 pm City Hall

[Orange City City Council](#) December 12 - 6:30 pm City Hall

[Ponce Inlet Town Council](#) December 21 - 6:00 pm City Hall

[School Board of Volusia](#) December 12 - 4:30 pm Deland

[River to Sea TPO](#) - 9 am Daytona Intl Airport



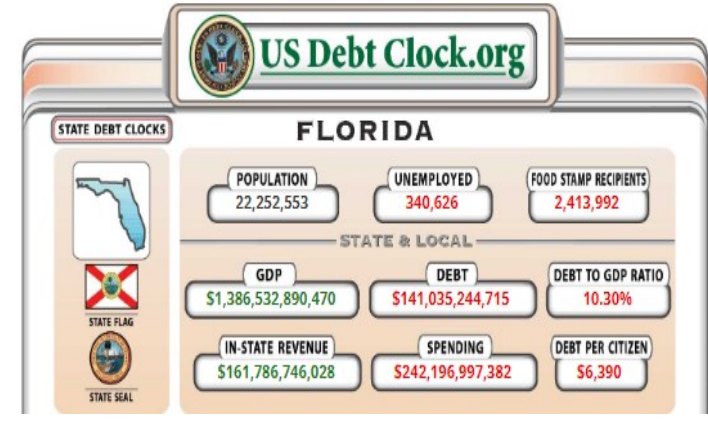
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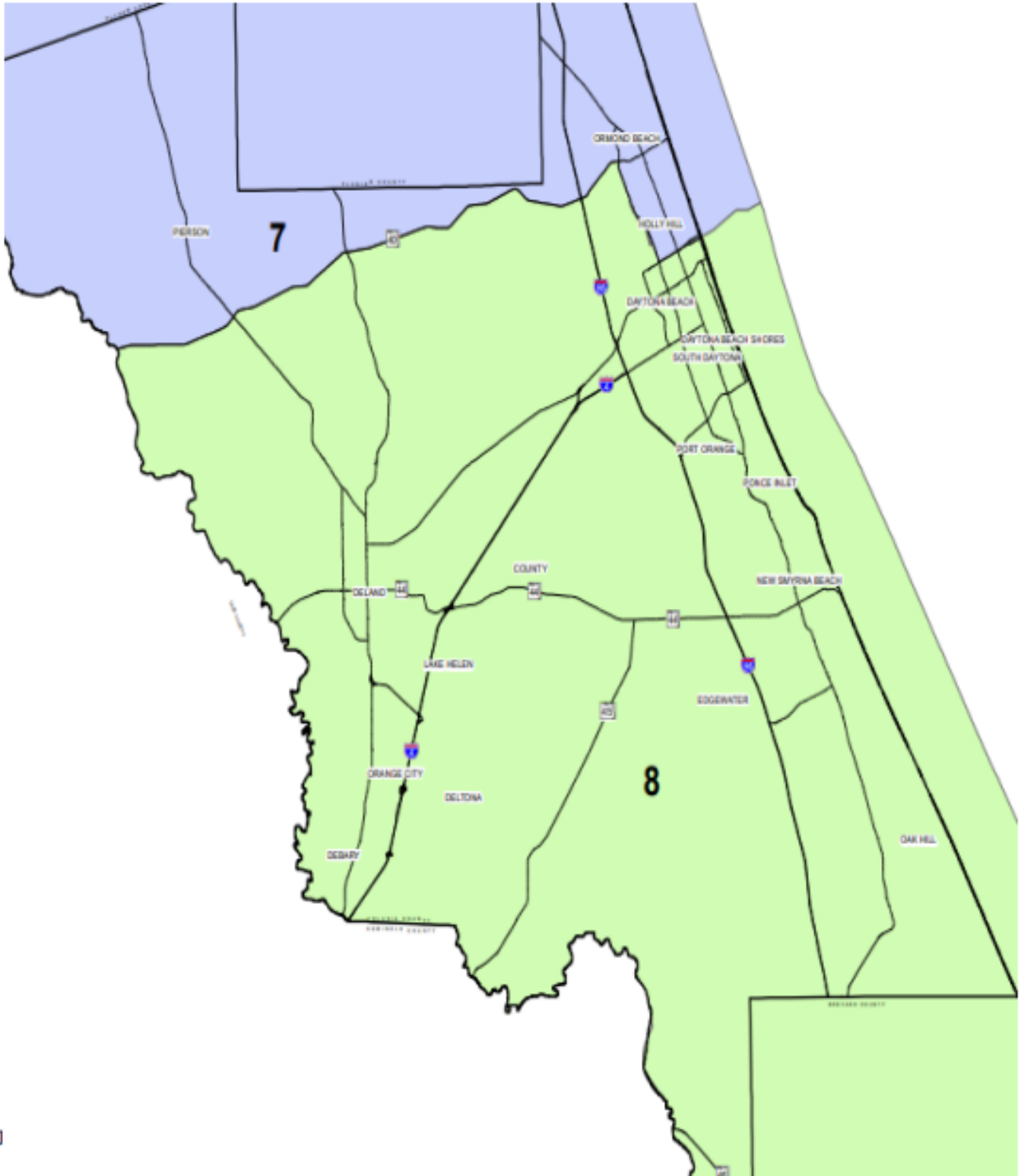
- **Deltona** - Amendment to their Interlocal Agreement with Deland, Deltona, Orange City and County as water supplies in an amount not to exceed \$36,840Dec 4
- **Port Orange**—Grant Agreements for \$1 million with Fla Dept of Environmental Protection for the Ridgewood Ave & N Commonweath Water Main Replacement and \$2.5 million for the Sewer Force Main Halifax River Crossing.....Dec 5
- **Daytona Beach**—2 beachside hotel projects along A1A....across from Bellaire Shopping Center (public hearing) and on Silver Beach (1st reading).....Dec 6
- **County Council**—ordinance to add Affordable Housing policies to Volusia’s Comprehensive Plan to support the county’s affordable housing initiative and fulfill one of the Path Forward - Strategies for Success, Five Year Plan objectives (Dec 5)

Unv of Fla’s Bureau of Economic Research **Daytona Beach** now has **80,940 residents** (an increase of 9,452 residents from 2020’s census count of 71,488). **DeLand** ranked second with **3,913 more residents**, Volusia’s largest city, **Deltona**, grew by **3,645 residents** bringing their population to **97,337**. **Pierson**, Volusia’s smallest city with a population of 1,560, added 18 residents.

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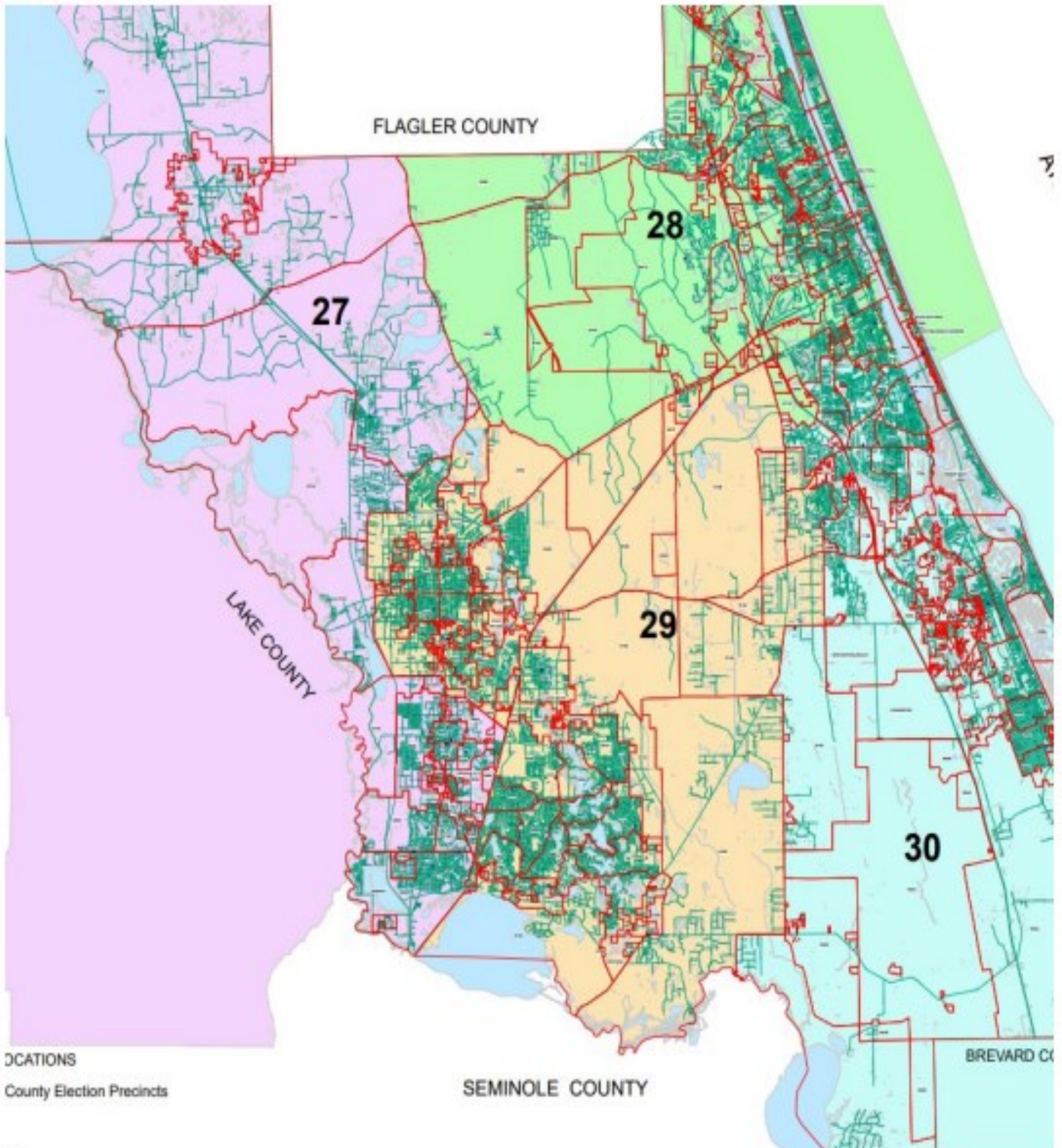
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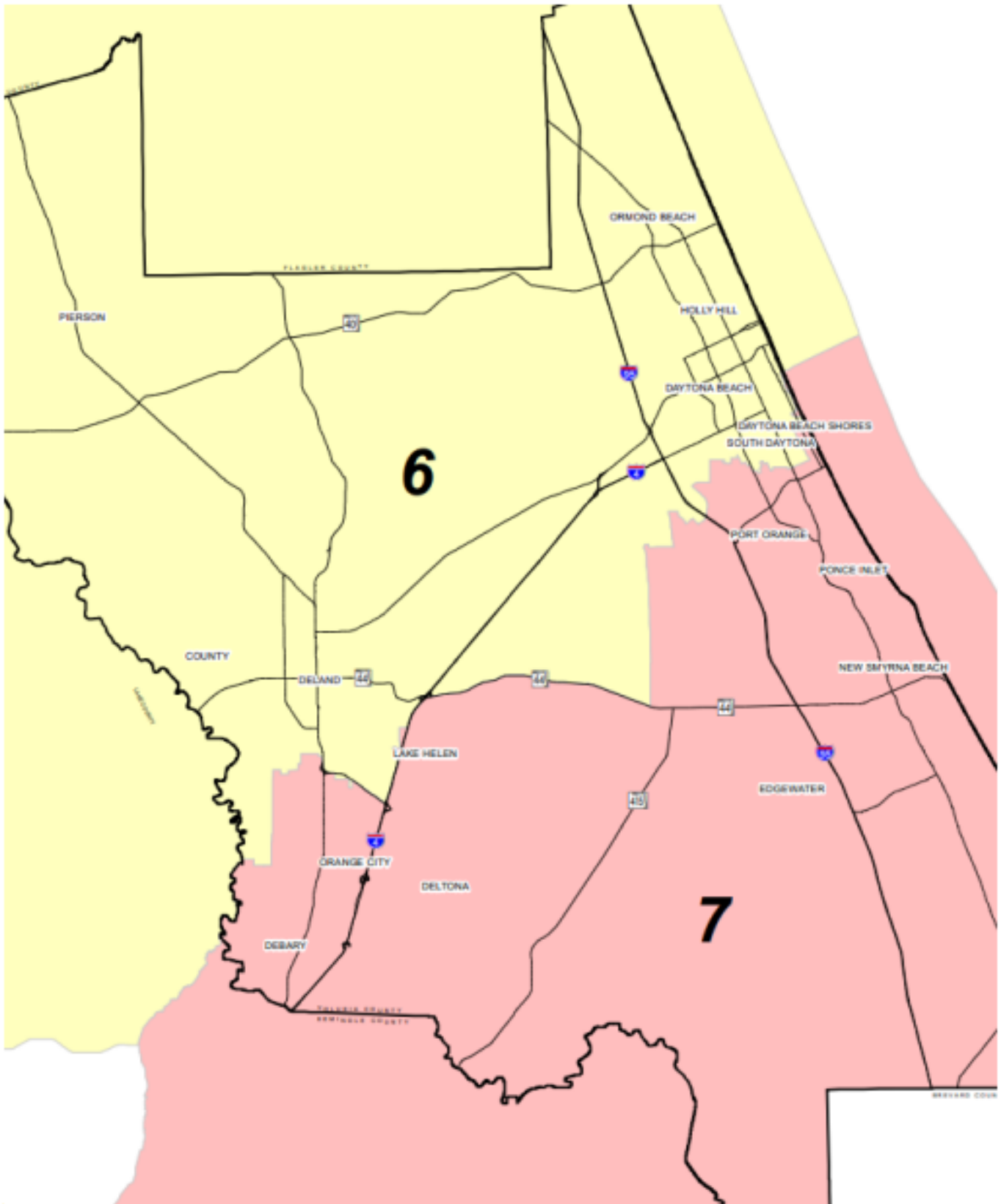
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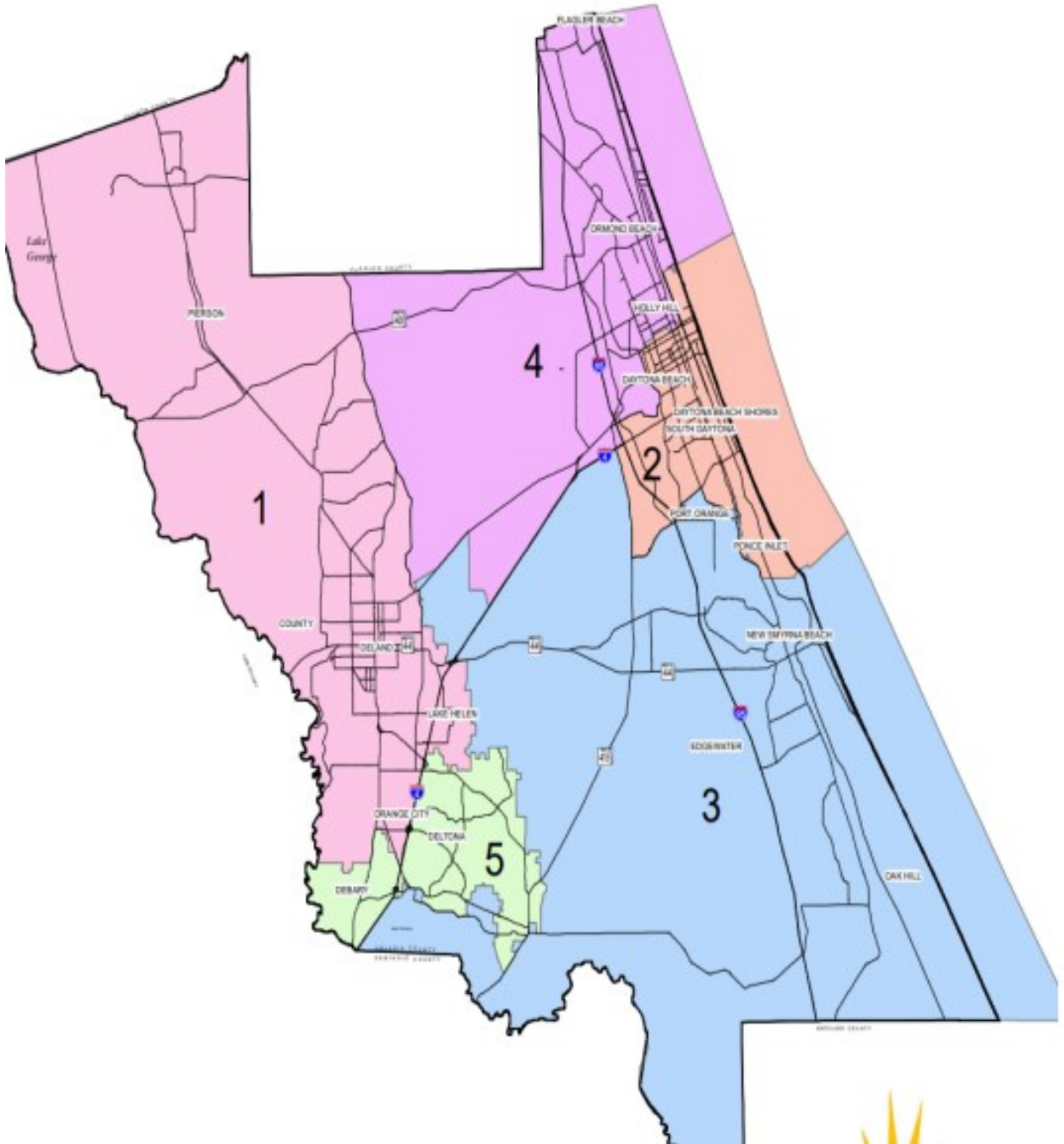


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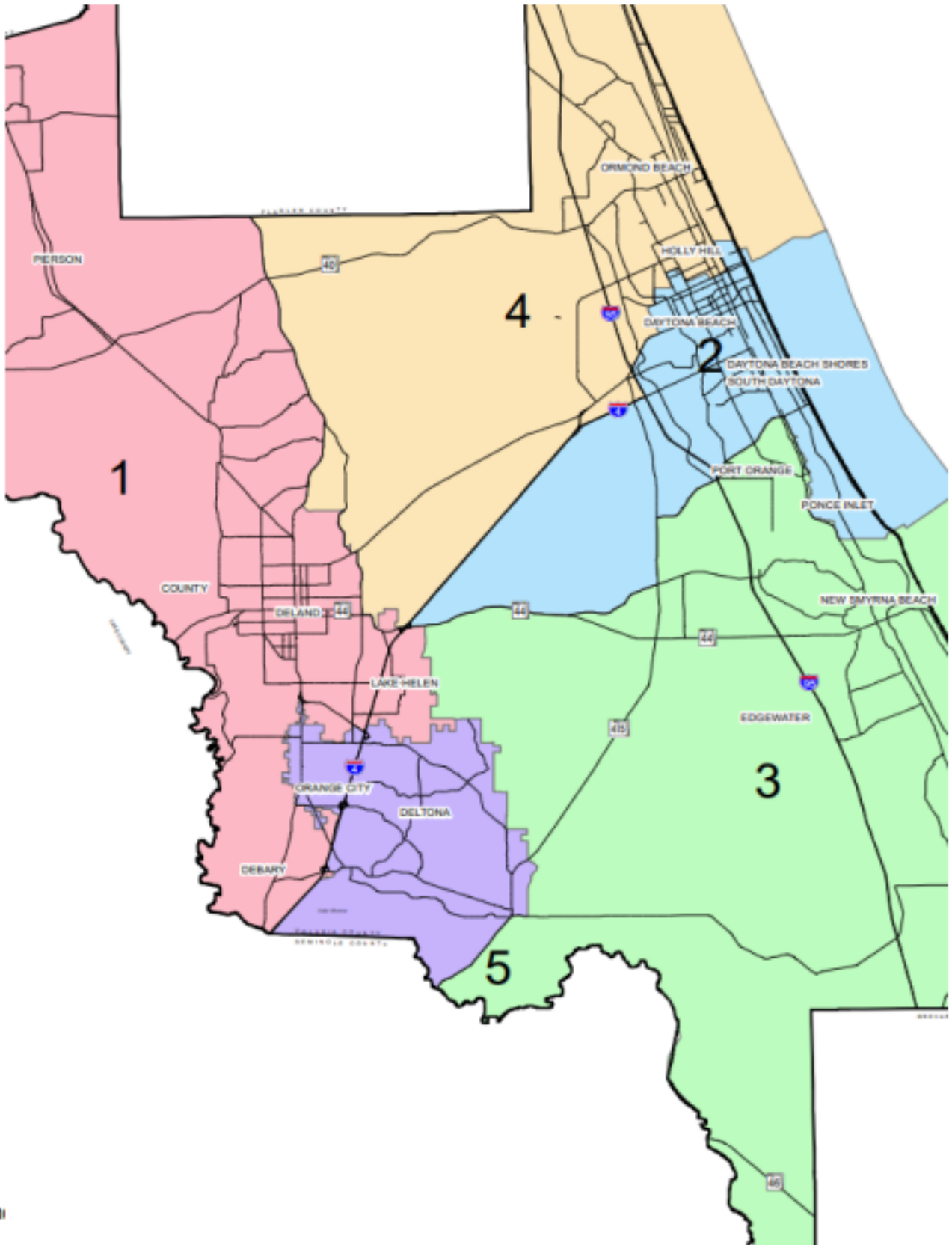
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